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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)
Application Number 10/611,411 Filed 6/30/2003
For : ELECTRO-SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH REPLACEABLE END-EFFECTORS
AND INHIBITED SURFACE CONDUCTION
Art Unit 3739
Docket Number 17516-9700

This a request under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The applicant hereby requests a one month extension.

If additional time is required please consider this to be a request for an additional extension.

The director is authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number: 503404.

The requested one month extension and fee - \$120

C. Okumoto

VICTOR OKUMOTO

Registration Number: 35973

8/21/06

Date

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE:

IS FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED TO THE US: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, at 571-273-8300 ON THE DATE SHOWN BELOW.

ON _____ BY _____
Anne Wilcock

1251/2251	1.17(a)(1)	Extension for response within first month	120.00	60.00
1252/2252	1.17(a)(2)	Extension for response within second month	450.00	225.00
1253/2253	1.17(a)(3)	Extension for response within third month	1,020.00	510.00
1254/2254	1.17(a)(4)	Extension for response within fourth month	1,590.00	795.00
1255/2255	1.17(a)(5)	Extension for response within fifth month	2,160.00	1,080.00

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